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☒ 74 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims  
☒ 38 Numbered Claims Calculated as 38 Claims for Fee Purposes  
☒ 30 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 31 (Formal)  
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